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SUBJECT: BELOVSKI MEETING WITH LUERS

REF: STATE 179389

1. SUMMARY: AMBASSADOR BELOVSKI, AT HIS OWN INITIATIVE, MET WITH DAS LUERS AND DIRECTOR ANDREWS ON JULY 13. AFTER DEALING WITH PRIMARY PURPOSE OF MEETING, BELOVSKI RAN THROUGH A LAUNDRY LIST OF SUBJECTS INCLUDING THE MARKOVIC VISIT, NON-ALIGNED FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE, A VISIT BY SECRETARY VANCE TO YUGOSLAVIA, THE VISIT OF DEFENSE SECRETARY LJUBICIC TO THE U.S., EXCHANGE OF HIGH-LEVEL VIEWS AND INFORMATION, AND EMIGRE ACTIVITIES.

2. MARKOVIC VISIT. BELOVSKI EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF ARRANGING AN APPEARANCE BY THE PRESIDENT DURING THE VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH THE ASSEMBLY DELEGATION.
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HE ALSO STRESSED THE NEED FOR SECURITY MEASURES IN CALIFORNIA AND CHICAGO.

3. NAM CONFERENCE. BELOVSKI EXPLAINED THE GOY POSITION TO BE TAKEN AT THE FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING IN BELGRADE. HE NOTED THAT THE USG ALREADY UNDERSTANDS THE GOY'S GENERAL LINE AND PHILOSOPHY OF NONALIGNMENT,

WHICH HE CHARACTERIZED AS STRUGGLING WITH TENDENCIES TO INTRODUCE IDEOLOGY INTO THE MOVEMENT-"SO-CALLED RADICALISM." HE STRESSED THAT THE YUGOSLAV PRESS HAS PLACED BOTH POWERS (USA AND USSR) ON AN EQUAL FOOTING. IN DRAFTING THE DOCUMENT AT THE HAVANA NAM MEETING, THE YUGOSLAVS HAD DIFFICULTIES IN HEADING OFF ATTEMPTS TO CHANGE THE TRADITIONAL FORMULATION AND MAKE IT MORE SLANTED AGAINST IMPERIALISM (AS OPPOSED TO HEGEMONISM).

4. BELOVSKI CAUTIONED THAT THE GOY IS NOT GOING TO "SHARPEN" THIS MATTER AND WOULD LIKE TO AVOID ANY DRAMATIC CLASHES AT THE NAM CONFERENCE. AT THE LCY CONGRESS, THE YUGOSLAVS HAD ALREADY OVER-EMPHASIZED THE THREAT OF HEGEMONISM. THE GOY HOPES TO PERSUADE THE CUBANS TO BE MORE ACCOMMODATING.

5. VANCE VISIT? BELOVSKI EMPHASIZED THE DESIRE OF THE GOY THAT SECRETARY VANCE VISIT YUGOSLAVIA. LUERS AGREED THAT THIS IS DESIRABLE.

6. BELOVSKI ALSO RELAYED WORD THAT THE INTERIOR MINISTRY HAD BEEN PLEASED WITH THE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS DURING THE TITO VISIT AND WOULD LIKE TO HOST THOSE WHO WERE RESPONSIBLE. IF ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL FINDS IT IMPOSSIBLE TO VISIT YUGOSLAVIA, DEPUTY A.G. CIVILETTI WOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL

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WELCOME.

7. LUERS PRESENTED BELOVSKI WITH A COPY OF THE LETTER FROM CIVILETTI TO DEPUTY INTERIOR MINISTER JURISIC, WHICH IS BEING DELIVERED VIA THE EMBASSY IN BELGRADE.

8. EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. IT IS BELOVSKI'S IMPRESSION THAT THE US-YUGOSLAV EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND INFORMATION HAS DIED DOWN RECENTLY. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THIS, AS THE EXCHANGE IS VERY USEFUL AND IS APPRECIATED IN YUGOSLAVIA. LUERS AGREED THAT THE EXCHANGE IS IMPORTANT AND SAID WE WOULD SEE WHAT INFORMATION WE COULD PASS ON FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT'S RECENT MIDDLE EAST TRIP.

9. EMIGRE ACTIVITIES. BELOVSKI EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT EMIGRE EXTREMISTS ARE STILL ACTIVE IN THE U.S., ALTHOUGH HE ADMITTED THAT THE SITUATION HAS IMPROVED. HE REFERRED TO RECENT EXTORTION THREATS AGAINST IMMIGRANTS FROM YUGOSLAVIA. HE HAS THE NAMES OF VICTIMS AND CAN PROVIDE THEM. LUERS ASKED HIM TO DO SO, STRESSING THAT WE WOULD LIKE AS MUCH INFORMATION AS WE CAN GET.

10. BELOVSKI ALSO STATED THAT THREE NIGHTS EARLIER

THERE HAD BEEN ANOTHER ATTEMPTED ARSON AT THE CONSULATE GENERAL IN SAN FRANCISCO. THE OWNER OF THE BUILDING HAS HIRED A PRIVATE GUARD. BELOVSKI HOPES THAT NOW MORE SECURE FACILITIES CAN BE FOUND IN AN OFFICE BUILDING.

11. BELOVSKI REFERRED TO THE RECENT DEMONSTRATIONS AT THE UN PROTESTING THE PROPOSED EXTRADITION OF CROATIAN EMIGRES FROM THE FRG TO YUGOSLAVIA. BELOVSKI EMPHASIZED THAT THE GOY IS NOT NEGOTIATING FOR AN EXCHANGE (OF GERMAN TERRORISTS FOR CROATIAN EMIGRES), BUT ONLY WANTS THE FRG TO UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN

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LEFTIST AND RIGHTIST TERRORISTS.

12. BELOVSKI MENTIONED AN ANTI-YUGOSLAV TELEVISION PROGRAM PRODUCED IN SWEDEN WHICH HE SAYS HAS BEEN PRESENTED ELSEWHERE. IT HAS NOT BEEN ALLOWED TO BE SHOWN ON FRENCH TV, AND THE GOY WOULD APPRECIATE ASSISTANCE IN KEEPING THE PROGRAM OFF THE AIR. HE ALSO MENTIONED THE DANGER OF ANOTHER ROUND OF ACTION ON THE MIHAILOVIC MEMORIAL. LUERS TOLD HIM THAT THERE WAS NO CAUSE FOR CONCERN.

13. BELOVSKI EXPRESSED CONCERN AT THE LACK OF PROGRESS ON COMPENSATION FOR MEDIC, THE DOORKEEPER WHO WAS INJURED IN THE U.N. MISSION INTRUSION IN 1977, AND ON COMPENSATION FOR THE BOMB EXPLOSION AT THE YUGOSLAV EMBASSY IN 1976. ANDREWS STATED THAT THE REQUESTS FOR COMPENSATION ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION. CHRISTOPHER

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